

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
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AGENDA ITEM:

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Morrison Institute Study Update

Background

In her September 10, 2008 letter to the Parks Board, Governor Napolitano indicated her resolve to appoint a task force to study the "long-term viability of the park system," and in preparation, asked that the Board gather pertinent research and begin to anticipate issues regarding the economic and social benefits of parks. The Board then entered into a contract with the Morrison Institute for Public Policy to produce a study that would analyze the Arizona State Parks system, compare it to other park systems, and make cogent recommendations as to potential sources of sustainable funding.

Status

By now, it is hoped that the Parks Board will have had the opportunity to review a copy of the draft report and provide comments.